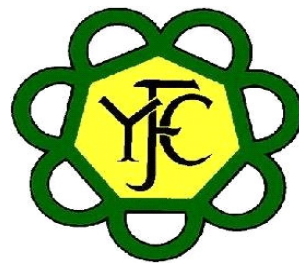


DEVON YFC

NEWSLETTER



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October '08

From Our Chairman:

For some of you this will be your first newsletter as a club or group officer. Congratulations for being elected and I'm sure you will enjoy and gain so much from the experience. To enhance your learning experience I would encourage new chairmen and secretaries to attend the Okeworthy training weekend (1st & 2nd Nov) you will not only learn new skills for your role but also meet the rest of the officers in the county that are new to the job as well. Congratulations to the members who represented Devon at the Dairy Event at Stoneleigh and a special congratulations to Nicola Bishop for coming 1st in the Intermediate Stock Judging, a real credit to you, well done.

There are plenty of speaking competitions coming up, so if you would like some training please do contact myself or Kath and we will be more than happy to come and give you some guidance and demonstration for you. Finally on Sunday 26th October is the annual Harvest Service at Exeter Cathedral 7pm.

Please can I ask for you to please attend and there is a buffet afterwards to celebrate this years harvest.....good or bad! Cheers

Pete – Devon YFC County Chairman

Are you saying good bye to a friend ?

Many clubs at this time of year are saying good bye to members who are moving away to study at University, Colleges or have new jobs. This does not mean you have to totally loose them as a member. Most students have very long holidays and they often return home. If you keep in touch by sending a newsletter to all those who are away they will know what is going on and when the best times are to come back and see all their friends. I would always say having a newsletter is a good idea for all clubs as it can also be sent to not just members but leaders, advisory and other club supporters. When you are sorting out new roles in the club please do not forget this important job of newsletter editor.

Some clubs have their own web site, which is also good but members need to remember to switch on their computer to look at it. Other clubs also have a club phone for texting reminders of meeting etc. Some even still send out reminder cards. Whichever combination you choose make sure you keep letting people know what is going on!!! You may well find when people come back home to Devon they will pick with YFC again.

The final important point is always set a date / time / venue for the next meeting at the end of the current meeting.

If I can help with any of the above or other ideas for your club or group do contact me on 07843 386678 or email

nick@devonyfc.co.uk

Nick Creasy – Devon YFC Federation Organiser

Harvest Festival & Harvest Supper

26th October
Exeter Cathedral
7pm
Everyone
welcome!



A.R.A.C . Update

Fresh Start is commencing again on the 2nd October 2008. If anyone would like further details I would be more than pleased to talk it through with them.

There is also an opportunity for a small group of people to visit Harold Dunn's Farm, he is a milk processor with a robotic parlour and is currently looking at a share farming project with other farmers.

If you are interested in a visit please give me a ring on 07909 917262

Andrew cork—Chairman Rural Affairs

Fancy a Club Exchange with Carluke YFC from Scotland??

They are a Club of 60 members based 45 mins from both Edinburgh and Glasgow. Around 20 of the members are keen to do an exchange with a Club from either England or Wales. They are aged between 17 – 24 years of age and come from all backgrounds.

The first part of the exchange could take place at the end of October/ beginning of November.

Clubs interested can call Alistair directly on 07921249781

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Well we have now reached my favourite time of year, public speaking and stock judging! As you will see from the 'Diary Dates' the speaking competitions are fast approaching with the first being Intermediate Brainstrust on the 16th, at the point of writing, we have 5 of the Groups entered so we should be in for a good night, it is being held at the YFC Centre starting at 7.30pm. Closely following that we have Junior Public Speaking on the 6th November, and Senior Debating on the 20th, again being held at the YFC Centre. If you are organising a Group round of Senior Debating don't forget to organise early to give your competitors the required time to prepare. If you would like any help please let me know, to view the rules you can always go to the National website 'www.nfyfc.co.uk' and look under competitions.

On the Stock Judging front I have to say I'm a little disappointed, I don't know what's wrong with 'County Stock Judging' but I need your help!! Having organised two Dairy Event training sessions, one by kind permission of the 'Greenslade Family', and then the following week at Knightstone Farm, by kind permission of Dave Lawrence, it was a real shame only 4 turned up to the first week, and 1 to the 2nd. Thank you to Emma Greenslade, Erica Williams, Helen Blowey, Andrew Nicholls & Phil Bird and to those who sent there apologies. A huge thank you must also go to Kevin Lock, for giving up his days off to come and train.

Maybe we need a different approach, as I know just speaking to three Groups, they have around 80 stock judges between them, who turn out for group competitions! I am in the process of compiling a list of all those interested in stock judging so that we can send letters direct, (as I am aware in some cases that the message does not appear to be getting through), if you would like to be on this list please send me or the office your address & telephone number. It would be great to see the competitive edge return to stock judging! I look forward to lots of constructive comments.

Next on the stock judging front is 'The English Winter Fair' or formally the 'National Primestock Show', taking place on Sunday 16th November. As a County we can send up to 6 teams (1xIntermediate and 1x Senior). 1 team for each of the following classes – Live Beef, Beef Carcase, Live Lamb, Lamb Carcase, Live Pig, Pork Carcase. Teams have to be entered by the 26th October – I am in the process of confirming venues for training, so please keep your eyes open for the details. I hope that we can send 12members to represent Devon. I'm hoping to go (even if I don't make the team!), so if travelling is a problem please give me a ring.

Dairy Event Results

Senior Stockman of the Year

- 4th Phil Bird (Axminster)
- 9th Oliver Reed (Culm Valley)
- 11th Sarah Baker (Roborough)
- 12th Mark Walters (Newton Abbot)

Junior Stock Judge

- 7th Stuart Persey (Culm Valley)

Intermediate Dairy Stock Judging

- 1st Nicky Bishop (Honiton)
- 5th Erica Williams (Culm Valley)
- 15th Emma Greenslade (Culm Valley)

Senior Dairy Stock Judging

- =11th Helen Blowey (Tavistock)

Call My Bluff Results:

Junior Results

- 1st Haldon

Best Female Speaker -

- Caroline Trude (Whimble & Broadclyst)

Best Male Speaker -

- Jonathan Hunt (Totnes)

The team selected to represent Devon

consisted of :

- Cat Beer, (Buckland Brewer),
- Caroline Trude
- Becky Grist (Cheriton & Tedburn)
- with Jonathan Hunt as reserve.

Senior Results

- 1st East Devon

Best Female Speaker -

- Heather Parris (Yarcombe)

Best Male Speaker -

- Andy Broomfield (Culm Valley)

**Congratulations to you all
for taking part.**

Kath – Competitions Chair

- More than 60,000 people in the UK have a Muscle disease or related neuromuscular condition
- More than 300,000 people are indirectly affected as family, friends and carers

**Muscular
Dystrophy
Campaign**

Muscular Dystrophy is a cruel, unforgiving and relentless disease that wastes and weakens muscles. Tragically thousands of children in the UK are affected. It robs them of their strength and day after day they get weaker and less able to cope. Many die before reaching adulthood. There are no cures.

The Muscular Dystrophy Campaign is dedicated to helping families and children affected by muscular dystrophy. We give advice and support to help to help manage day-to-day as well as equipment that enables them to love their lives like every other normal child.

We are committed to helping all children with muscular dystrophy in the UK. We can provide them with support in schools and respite weekend care for all the family. Just £350 could support a child in the community for one year. The aim of The Muscular Dystrophy Campaign is to help each child to lead a more independent and fulfilling life by providing wheelchairs, specially adapted computers and other life changing equipment. Approximately £2,500 could pay for this kind of specialist equipment.

All these services are free of charge. Nearly all our costs are met by voluntary donations and fundraising activities. We rely on the generosity of our supporters and volunteers to continue our vital work.

**We would like to invite you to help us to care for every child with
Muscular Dystrophy in the South West.**

For more information on ways in which you can help please phone
Christine Hartley on 01752 691549 / 07827 953 149 or email

c.hartley@muscular-dystrophy.org

Alternatively more information is available at www.muscular-dystrophy.org

Both the Juniors and the Seniors had successful scholarships back in August, and from the photos and reports flooding in they seem to have had an excellent time and made lots of new friends...some more than others perhaps!!! The Swedish group are returning to Devon at the end of October, and we have put together a good programme to keep them entertained during their stay.

Sweden Report (Halland – Devon Junior Exchange)

At 1.45am on Wednesday 6th August, 12 mad young farmers met at Exeter Bus station a little blurry eyed but full of excitement! The journey to Gothenburg went smoothly and the views of Sweden were amazing, the sky was clear and you could see forestry and lakes everywhere; leaving everyone very excited about the forthcoming week!

We arrived in Gothenburg at 2.30pm Swedish time where we were greeted by our two Swedish leaders, Camilla and Daniel who took us to our new home for the week; a youth hostel in the Swedish countryside

by a huge lake! We were shown around the hostel and given our first Swedish snack; Ham (skinka) and Cheese (ost) on toast with salad (Little did we know that ham and cheese would feature highly in our diet in the week!! Along with salad that they even had for breakfast!!). The week was certainly action packed, with activities and games each day until the early hours of the morning. We played numerous games of Irish snap in Swedish throughout the week (a good way to learn the Swedish numbers!), along with other Swedish games such as 'Brenball' and 'Kubb'. Activities ranged from visiting the local town Varberg, touring a fortress and museum as well as doing some shopping, to sweating it out in a sauna before jumping into a freezing lake (apparently its good for you!?) and visiting a sheep farm where we experienced a 'lamb safari'! We also visited the city of Gothenburg where we had a guided boat tour along the canal and got rather wet in the theme park 'Liseberg'. Sea kayaking was another activity we all took part in. It was great fun and everyone got rather wet; some more so than others!!! Jon managed to capsize before he had even started when he was just getting into his kayak!! Mercedes had the best capsize though; and I got all of it on film!! Over the weekend we stayed with host families, each individually staying with one of the Swedes and their families allowing us to experience the Swedish lifestyle first hand; I stayed on a pig farm with a masseuse!! Most of us met up during the Saturday, going to the famous Grimetown radio station and seeing Mama Mia at the cinema (in English with Swedish subtitles!) in the evening, not forgetting 'Fika' (a kind of afternoon tea!) by a lake! Everyone seemed to have a brilliant weekend, with their hosts making them feel really welcome. During the week the Swedish performed many stitch up's on us English!! The first came in the form of what we thought was a Swedish delicacy; only to be told after eating it that it actually consisted of jam, meatballs, caviar, raw herring, salt liquorice and cinnamon buns!!! Other games during the week saw us all being photographed in rather compromising positions, saw Nicky sat without any trousers on and me with black soot all over my face; they definitely had a sense of humour!! Anyone with any good ideas on how we can stitch the Swedes up when they come back over here please let us know!!! I think I can safely say that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the week in Sweden; we nearly came back with only 11 members though when Chris managed to lose his boarding pass!! It was action packed and non-stop fun, leaving us with many new friends both English and Swedish, and all learning more about the Swedish culture, language and their version of young farmers, 4H. We now all look forward to the Swedish coming back over to England in October, and recommend that everyone trying to get a place on a Scholarship!

The application forms are out in the mailing now for Scholarships for 2009. Please apply for the scholarships, if you don't send in the form you will not have the chance to get involved in such a fantastic YFC activity. The interviews are scheduled for 8th November, but if you can't make it, don't let it put you off as I am sure we can arrange an evening interview. If you have any questions please e-mail me beccastaddon@hotmail.co.uk.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the interviews.

Becca Staddon —International Linksperson

By Becky Grist

THE CHUCKLES FAMILY FUN DAY
and the Launch of
The Laura Persey Trust Fund
 Allhallows, Blackborough, Cullompton
SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER
- WITH FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY -



Following the sudden death of our daughter last year we have started a Trust Fund in her memory and are hosting a 'Launch Weekend' to coincide with the weekend she would have celebrated her 21st birthday.

12.30pm ONWARDS - HOG ROAST/BBQ
1.00pm STALLS OPEN
 plant stall, cake stall, book stall, crafts.
 Children fun stalls, face painting, fun and games, Tombola,
ENTERTAINMENT
 Music etc from Local Youth Groups; Orchestra; Singers; Entertainers
CREAM TEAS—SILENT AUCTION
SKILL DEMONSTRATIONS:
to include cattle, sheep, machinery, wood, Butter making, Junket making, cake icing, crafts, needlecraft etc
Admission to afternoon event above £1 adults.50p children
 (Under 5's free)
Approx 17.00 p.m. HARVEST SERVICE with Rev Anna

We have organised a cycle ride on Sunday 19th October, as part of our family fun day – so all the family are welcome!

We have three different rides: (**Allhallows to Allhallows**)

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| 9.00am | A Family one – 5 miles in the countryside | £5 adult/£2.50 child |
| 10:00am | The Chuckles Challenge – a ride of 21 miles | £10 |
| 11:00am | The 50 Mile Challenge – a 50+ ride to take in some nice little 'naps'!! | £15 |

All participants will pay the fee to enter and will receive a t-shirt and participants in the long ride will also receive a hot snack at the end of the ride, from the family fun event! The end of the ride will hopefully coincide with the afternoon's fun event, which will host many stalls, games, children's fun, entertainment and cream teas etc, as well as demonstrating rural skills with livestock and craft pertaining to the trust itself. In order to enable us to ensure we have enough t-shirts etc, we were wondering if anybody who knows they are attending **could telephone our CYCLE CO-ORDINATOR SID on 07900 003060 or CAROL ON 07764 787933**. This will also help us to plan refreshment stops on the longer ride too!

We do hope to see you on the 19th for what promises to be an enjoyable day raising money for a very worthwhile and needed rural charity.

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Dates for your diary

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| October | |
| 1 st | 2008 Diary Show @ Bath & West Showground |
| 9 th | BOM, 7.30pm |
| 10 th | Chulmleigh YFC Dinner & Dance, Thelbridge Cross Inn, Nr Witheridge. 10-1. £4 entry (No U18 nm) |
| | Cruwys Morchard YFC Disco, Tiverton Rugby Club, 9-1, Fancy Dress, theme C or M, £5 Members, £7 Non Members, No U18NM. For more info contact Kat on 07816 148061 |
| 11/12 th | NFYFC Sports & Speaking event |
| 16 th | County Final Intermediate Brains Trust |
| 17 th | Cruwys Morchard YFC Disco, Tiverton Rugby Club. 9-1. Fancy dress theme – anything beginning with “C” or “M”. Members £5, NM £7. ID required. ROAR. |
| 18 th | Laura Persey’s 21 st Ball at Allhallow’s. |
| 19 th | Chuckles Family Fun Day. See advert on previous page. |
| | County Final Mixed Hockey |
| 23 rd | Member Meeting – Please make sure your rep attends this important meeting |
| 24 th | Roborough YFC Dinner & Dance @ Elfordleigh Hotel, Plympton, Plymouth. Tickets from Sarah on 07876 662711 |
| | Honiton YFC Disco @ Luppitt Village Hall. 9-1. No U16NM, ROAR. Contact Nicki on 07974 246888 |
| 25-26 th | Countryside Live @ Harrogate |
| 25 th | Pillar Decorating @ Exeter Cathedral. 10am - noon |
| 26 th | Harvest Festival & Harvest Supper @ Exeter Cathedral, 7pm |
| 30 th | Ice Skating Part 1 @ Plymouth Pavilions |
| 31 st | Newton Abbot YFC 75 th Anniversary Dinner & Dance @ The ERC, Torquay |
| | Cheriton Tedburn YFC Halloween Fancy Dress Disco. Fingle Glen. 9-1 |
| November | |
| 1-2 nd | Okeworthy Training Weekend |
| 6 th | County Final Junior Speaking, YFC Centre 7.30pm |
| 7 th | Bradworthy YFC Bonfire Ball. 8-1. Pen Stow, Kilkhampton, Nr Bradworthy. Tickets £10. for info/ tickets call Sonia on 07990 544414 |
| | Withleigh YFC Late Halloween Disco @ Tiverton Rugby Club. 9-1. contact Annabel on 07719 991743. ROAR. |
| 12 th | Ice Skating, Part 2, Plymouth Pavilions |
| 13 th | General Council |
| 15-16 th | English Winter Fair @ Stafford (Primestock) |
| 20 th | Senior Debating, YFC Centre, 7.30pm |
| 23 rd | Crealy Challenge @ Crealy |
| 27 th | County AGM, Exeter Racecourse, 7.45pm |
| 30 th | Mens Rugby, Ladies Netball & Junior Mixed Tag Rugby @ Broadclyst |
| December | |
| 4 th | General Council |
| 5 th | Royal Smithfield Christmas Fair @ Bath & West Showground |
| | County Christmas Dance at Exeter University |
| | Exeter & District Primestock Show @ Exeter Livestock Centre. Contact Amy for entry form (01452 724522). Entries close end of October. |
| 6 th | Royal Smithfield Christmas Fair @ Bath & West Showground |

From the County Office.....

- At this time of year when retiring chairmen, secretaries and treasurers abandon all responsibility to “green” new officers, will all ex officers ensure that any correspondence received is forwarded to the correct people; especially treasurers who must ensure that unpaid invoices are forward promptly to their successor.
- Kellogg Shield forms for 07/08 need to be returned to the office after your Group AGM
- AGM trophies must be returned to the office by 21 November (not on the night please)

Please send all newsletter contributions to Yvonne at yvonnebrewer14@gmail.com Or Call 07814 414 152

November Newsletter Deadlines the 17th October

If you'd like to advertise within this newsletter, there is a £50 fee per month. (Excluding YFC Diary Dates Above)